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## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

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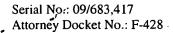
Sir:

Attached hereto for consideration by the Examiner is one (1) sheet of informal drawings including Figs. 2a-2c, which has been modified to add spring biased switch 299. The proposed changes have been noted in red. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is being presented herein by this amendment to the drawings. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and approve the proposed drawing corrections attached hereto.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

No fee, is believed due with this response other than the fee paid with the concurrently filed petition for extension of time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.





In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.

Respectfully submitted,

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